Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

## I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Jenny Lowry from First Christian Church
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong.
- C. Roll Call was taken. Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers, Joseph Richardson and Priscilla Scalf were present.
- D. Ann DeVore moved to approve the minutes from the City Council meeting of August 16, 2011. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

## II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 21, 2011, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY." (TIEM Inwood Drive Vacation) Planning Director Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. He presented a power point describing the property in question. Jeff recapped the request from Toyota Industrial Equipment Manufacturing Inc. (TIEM) to vacate the entire portion of the Inwood Drive right-of-way north of the intersection with Barker Drive. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. Second Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 22, 2011, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLUMBUS & BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS." Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance. Jeff stated changes have been made to the originally proposed 2011 Zoning Ordinance. Much discussion followed. George Dutro moved to amend Section 6, Item 23(c) to reflect what is shown in yellow on Council's copy. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. George Dutro moved to pass Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

## III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 18, 2011, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-

- 12.1-7." (LHP REALTY, LLP.) Jim Clouse with Community Development, along with Ryan Hou, CEO of LHP Software presented a request for tax abatement on real property in conjunction with a proposed new LHP Software headquarters to be located at 6889 S International Drive in Columbus in the amount of \$5,000,000. Mr. Hou stated LHP Realty, LLP plans to create 200 new full-time positions. Discussion followed. Council member Jim Lienhoop stated the Incentive Review Committee had met prior to Council meeting and found LHP Realty, LLP to be in substantial compliance. Jim Lienhoop moved to approve the tax abatement. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- B. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011, AN ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF- WAY." (Redevelopment Commission 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Vacation) Jeff Bergman presented this Ordinance, along with a power point of the property in question. The Columbus Redevelopment Commission has proposed the vacation of a portion of the platted 2<sup>nd</sup> Street right-of-way that extends west of the intersection with Lindsey St. (approximately 130 feet from Lindsey St. to the bank of the East Fork of the White River). There is no actual street at this location. The purpose of the vacation is to combine the area with the property to the south (the site of the former Senior Center and proposed future restaurant). Ed Curtin with the Redevelopment Commission stated it is the hope that this property go to the Pump House (formerly Senior Center). Much discussion followed. George Dutro moved to place this Ordinance in proper channels. Jim Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 2011, AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES AND WAGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2012." Mayor Fred Armstrong presented this Ordinance. Mayor stated the cost of living is four percent (4%) and that the request for raises for city employees was only three percent (3%). Mayor presented a power point regarding city wages. Much discussion followed. Council Member Priscilla Scalf stated that Driver 1 and Driver 2 positions at City Services have the same requirements but do not receive the same pay. Driver 1 receives \$0.24 more per hour than Driver 2. Jim Norris, Director of Public Safety, confirmed that Drivers 1 and 2 both are required to hold a CDL license. Discussion followed. Priscilla Scalf moved to amend the Ordinance so that all drivers with City Services receive the same pay as a Driver 1. George Dutro seconded the motion with the changes. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Jim Lienhoop moved to place the Amended Ordinance in proper channels. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, 2011, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR 2012." Brenda Sullivan presented this Ordinance. This Ordinance reflected the same wages of 2011. George Dutro stated that Council members have a great deal of responsibility and are underpaid. George made a motion to raise all elected officials pay by six percent (6%). Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Jesse Brand – yes Ann DeVore – yes George Dutro – yes Jim Lienhoop – abstained Martha Myers – no Joseph Richardson - yes Priscilla Scalf – abstained

Motion to Amend Salary Ordinance of Elected Officials passed by a vote of four (4) in favor, one (1) against, and two (2) abstaining.

Ann DeVore moved to place the Amended Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials in proper channels. George Dutro seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken.

Jesse Brand – yes Ann DeVore – yes George Dutro – yes Jim Lienhoop – abstained Martha Myers – yes Joseph Richardson - yes Priscilla Scalf – abstained

Motion to place Amended Salary Ordinance in proper channels by a vote of five (5) in favor and two (2) abstaining.

E. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORINANCE NO. 23, 2011, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE 2011 BUDGET YEAR." Jamie Brinegar and Ben Wagner presented this Ordinance requesting an additional appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$173,300.00 and \$300,000.00 from the Parks General Fund. Ben stated this appropriation will be used for ten repairs and purchases, including Donner Center Roof, People Trail, Blackwell Parking Lot, Hamilton Center Furnace, and other projects. Brief discussion followed. George Dutro moved to suspend the rules and place in proper channels. Joe Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Ann DeVore moved to pass the Ordinance. Priscilla Scalf seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

## **IV.** Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **September 20**, **2011** at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- C. Joe Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 P.M.

	Presiding Officer	
Attest:		
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus		